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To: Microsoft ATR
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Subject: My Opinion on Proposed Microsoft Settlement

Under the provisions of the Tunney Act I wish to make my concerns over the proposed Microsoft settlement known to you. I am a Canadian citizen who travels and does business in the U.S.A. frequently.

I consider the proposed Microsoft settlement to be insufficient to redress the harm done by Microsoft to consumers and competitors in the past, and unsatisfactory to prevent future harm by Microsoft.

Specifically but briefly, the proposed settlement fails to acknowledge or take into account competing operating systems such as Linux. This is an astonishing oversight, causing provisions of the proposed settlement to act as barriers of entry to such Microsoft competitors. Essentially, the proposed settlement guarantees Microsoft the capability to thwart the success of competitors' operating systems by withholding critical inter-operability information.

I am absolutely opposed to the proposed Microsoft settlement.

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